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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Mascia et al.

Application No.: 09/980,936

Filed: May 30, 2002

For: FUNCTIONALIZED THERMOPLASTIC  
POLYMER COMPOSITION AND A PROCESS  
FOR ITS PREPARATION

Group Art Unit: 1711

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2003, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-10, 13 and 14. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

A petition for a two-month extension of the term for response to the aforementioned Office Action, to and including November 1, 2003, is transmitted herewith.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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